

**PATENT APPLICATION
DOCKET # 1280-0003****REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, in light of the above the following remarks is respectfully requested. The presently pending claims are claims 1-25.

In paragraphs 1-9 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 20, 21 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,816,232 to Bell (Bell) in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,784,984 to Lodico et al. (Lodico).

Applicant conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on August 14, 2002. The Examiner stated that he is removing Lodico as a reference in rejecting claims 1-4, 6-8, 20, 21 and 24. Therefore, the withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claims 1-4, 6-8, 20, 21 and 24 is respectfully requested.

In paragraphs 10-12, the Examiner provided a response to arguments presented by Applicant filed April 19, 2002.

In paragraph 13 of the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claim 25.


In paragraph 14, the Examiner objected to claims 5, 9-19, 22 and 23 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In light of the interview of August 14, 2002, the withdrawal of the objection and the allowance of claims 5, 9-19, 22 and 23 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claims 1-25.

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